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LETTER DATED 9 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period from 27 February to 6 March 1992 for the purpose of surveillance and provocation, as follows:

27-28 February 1992

Fifteen sorties, flown by 7 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-19,000 m, centred on Amadiyah, Dohuk, Zakho, Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar and Dukan.

28-29 February 1992

Seven sorties, flown by 3 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at an altitude of 6,500 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Amadiyah and Irbil.

At 1050 hours on 28 February 1992, two F-111s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 500 km/h and at an altitude of 700 m.

29 February-1 March 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 9 two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

1-2 March 1992

Nine sorties, flown by 4 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-5,500 m, centred on Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2-3 March 1992

Sixteen sorties, flown by 8 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-5,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

At 0855 hours on the same day, two F-16s overflew Faruq airfield at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 1,000 m.

3-4 March 1992

Thirty-nine sorties, flown by 16 two-aircraft formations, 1 three-aircraft formation and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-8,000 m, centred on Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Rawanduz, Amadiyah, Zakho and the area to the west of Dukan.

4-5 March 1992

Thirty-five sorties, flown by 16 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-7,000 m, centred on Irbil, Tall Afar, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dukan.

5-6 March 1992

Seven sorties, flown by 2 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h, centred on Mosul, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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